Sibling file cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	525049
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Recorded 04/10/2014
	Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The Sibling file cluster contains information about the sibling relationships of children in funded out-of-home care placements on the night of 30 June 2013 (regardless of whether they are on an order).
	For inclusion in the Sibling file, the subject child must be in a funded out-of-home care placement on the night of 30 June, and have at least one known sibling in a funded out-of-home care placement on the night of 30 June (regardless of whether they are in the same placement).

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The Sibling file cluster has been included in the Child protection National minimum data set with the aim of pilot testing a new sibling co-placement measure (pending availability and quality of data from jurisdictions). Full implementation of the Sibling file cluster will also be subject to further deliberations on the feasibility and advisability of reporting on a sibling co-placement measure under the National Standards for Out-of-Home Care.
	For this file a person is a child or young person aged less than 18 years. Siblings are defined as children who share at least one biological parent (i.e. full siblings and half-siblings). Step-siblings and other sibling types (such as kinship relationships) are excluded.
Collection methods:	Each two-person sibling relationship will be a new line in the file, and each child in a two-person sibling relationship should be recorded as the subject child. That is, there will be two lines in the file for each two-person relationship—for children A and B, there will be one line with child A as the subject child Person ID (AB), and one line with child A as the sibling Person ID (BA).
Implementation start date:	01/07/2012
Implementation end date:	30/06/2013

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.
Reference documents:	AIHW 2013. Child protection Australia 2011-12. Child welfare series no. 55. Cat. no. CWS 43. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Child protection and support services (CPSS) sibling cluster Community Services (retired), Standard 30/04/2008
	Has been superseded by Sibling file cluster Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Person—person identifier, child protection NX[X(11)]	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Each child protection client (child) has a unique person identifier (ID). Each person ID is used by only one client and each client has only one ID.

The person ID of the subject child in funded out-of-home care and the person ID of each known sibling (of the subject child) in a funded out-of-home care placement on the night of 30 June (regardless of whether they are in the same placement) is recorded.

For each two-person relationship each person identifier will be recorded twice; once as the *subject child* Person ID and once as the *sibling* Person ID.

2	Person—sibling relationship, biological code N[N]	Mandatory	1